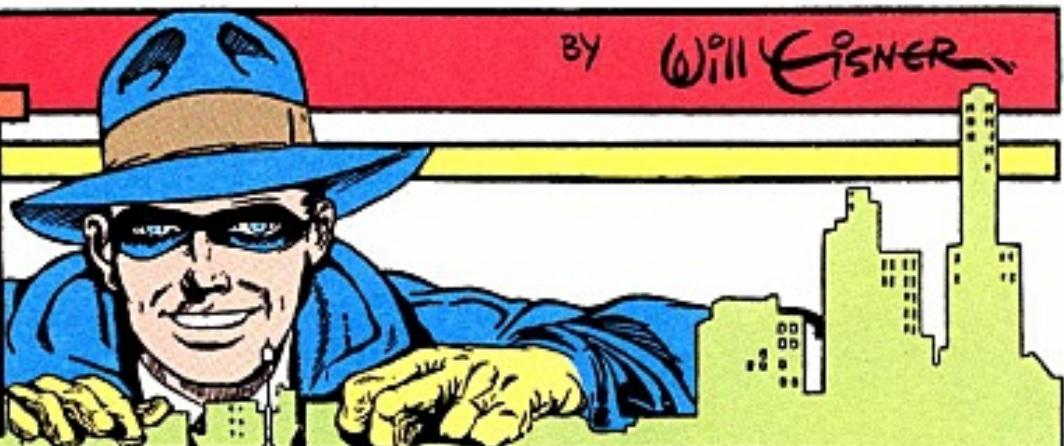


June 16, 1940

The

SPIRIT

By Will Eisner



LAST DAY OF SLOT GORGAN TRIAL

After one of the most sensational cases in the history of this city, the trial of the notorious gunman, 'Slot' Gorgan, goes to the jury today. Ably defended by his woman mouthpiece, well-known as the Black Queen, slot's chances are considered in most quarters to be 50-50 easily... The spectators were in veritable darkness as to the final outcome....

SCHOOLS TO GET NO MORE FREE LUNCHES.

Due to a shortage

ARE YOU SURE, MR. O'DAY? WOULD YOU SWEAR ON YOUR REPUTATION AS A CORONER THAT IT WAS MURDER?



WELL, ER... WHEN Y'PUT IT THAT WAY, NO M-MA'M!

THAT'S ALL, YOU MAY STEP DOWN...



GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY: THE ATTEMPTS OF THIS STATE TO RAILROAD MR. GORGAN ARE ABSURD! I HAVE DISTINCTLY PROVEN THAT THERE IS NO REAL EVIDENCE! I CAN SEE BY YOUR INTELLIGENT FACES THAT YOU WILL DISCARD THE FALSE ACCUSATIONS AND ACQUIT MY CLIENT! THANK YOU!

ONE HOUR LATER...



WE, THE JURY, FIND THE DEFENDANT NOT GUILTY!

CONGRATULATIONS, SLOT!

TANK!



JUST TELL THE PUBLIC THAT MR. GORGAN IS HAPPY THAT JUSTICE HAS AGAIN TRIUMPHED!

YEAH!



OH WELL, ANOTHER ACQUITTAL... BOY! THAT DAME MOUTHPIECE HE'S GOT SURE IS SMART!

YEH... THE BLACK QUEEN! HMPE... EVEN IF THEY FOUND HIM HOLDIN' THE GUN, SHE'D FIND A LOOPHOLE IN THE LAW AND PROVE HE'S NOT GUILTY!

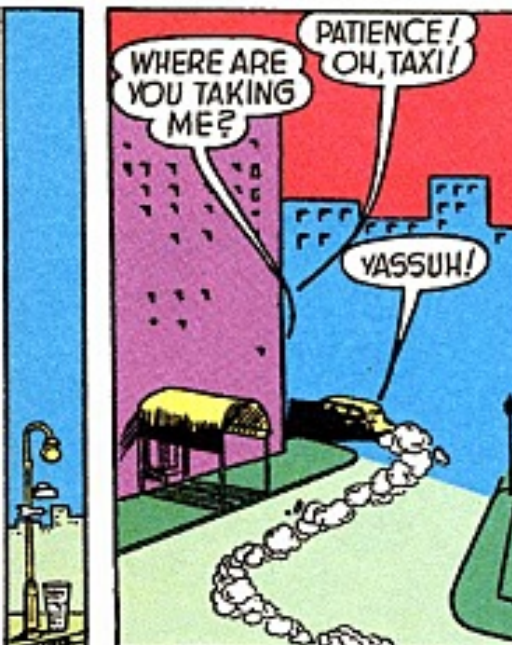
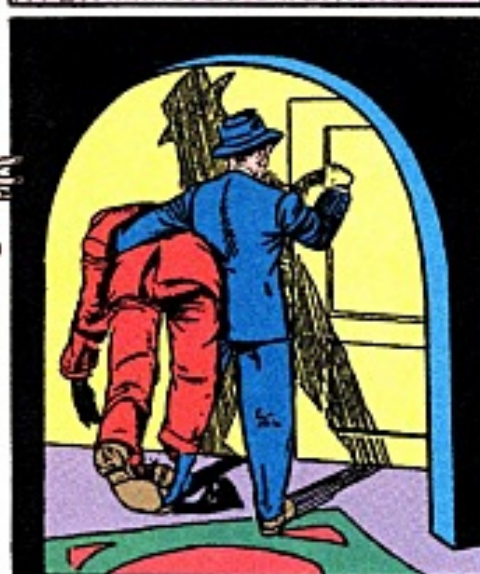
IN A LUXURIOUS APARTMENT
ATOP A CITY SKYSCRAPER...



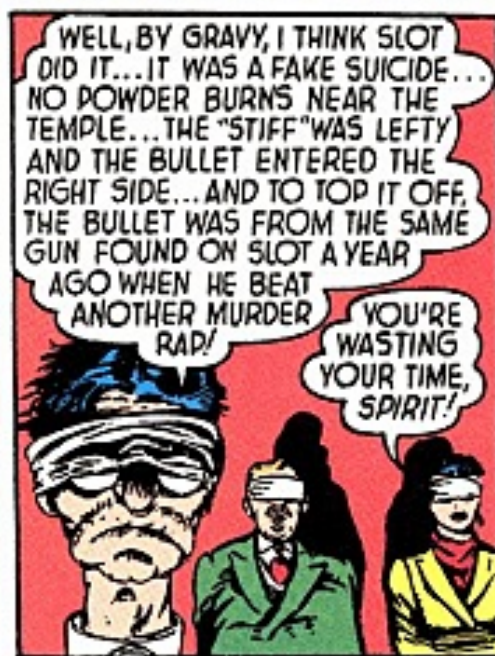
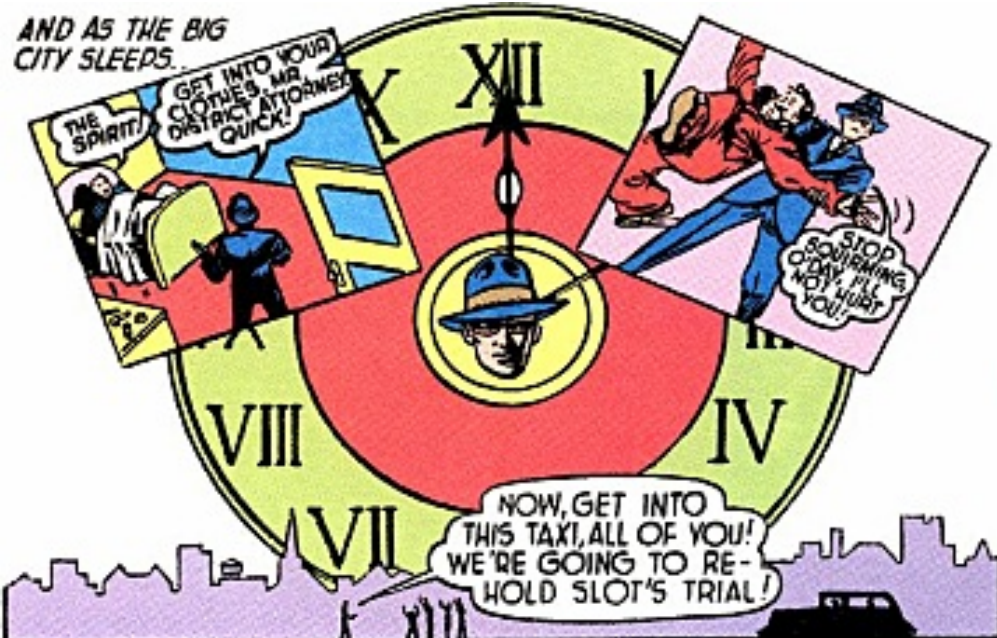
QUICKLY THE SPIRIT'S WRISTS
ARE BOUND...

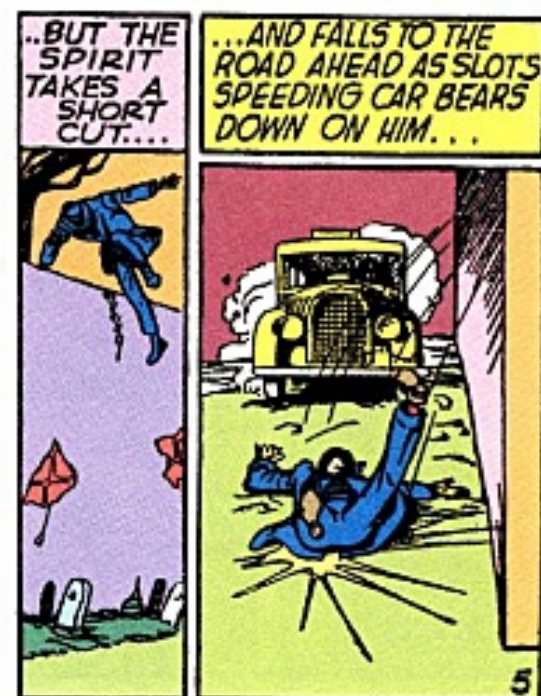


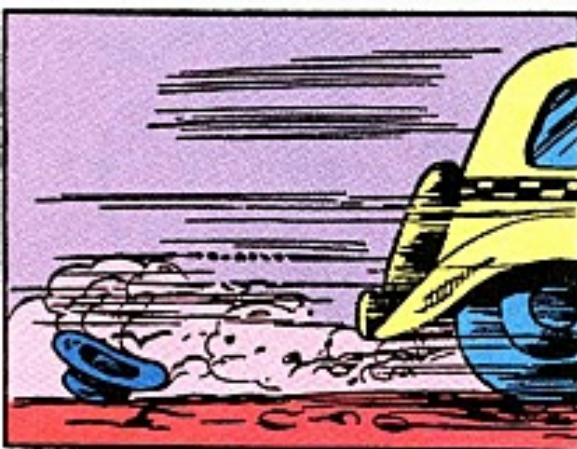
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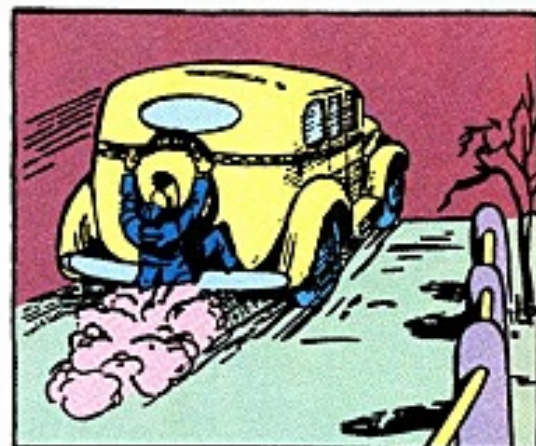
AND AS THE BIG CITY SLEEPS.







UNDERNEATH THE SPEED-
ING CAR...



NEXT DAY...

EXTRA! DAILY
SLOT GORGAN REARRESTED
NEW EVIDENCE TO HANG KILLER SAYS D.A.
By Wire: Sensation Disclosures Today Reopened the 'Slot Gorgan' T...

D.A. THANKS 'SPIRIT' FOR AID.
(SPECIAL TO THIS PAPER)
On behalf of the citizens of this state, I wish to thank the man known as the SPIRIT, for his aid in securing Slot Gorgan's confession. Whoever you are, whatever is your purpose, you have aided justice, big guy. Thomas K. Moran, District Attorney.

SLOT GORGAN GIVES \$50,000 TO SCHOOL FUND.
No surprise move...

ONCE AGAIN THE CITY COURTROOM RINGS WITH THE NAME OF SLOT GORGAN...

DOES THE ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENSE WISH TO SAY ANYTHING BEFORE THE COURT PASSES SENTENCE?

I DO, YOUR HONOR! I ASK YOU TO LOOK AT MY CLIENT FOR A MOMENT AND CONSIDER HIM... A SAD, PENITENT, BROKEN MAN... BUT WHOSE **BASIC HONESTY MADE HIM** REALIZE HIS WRONGS AND **GIVE HIS FORTUNE TO A WORTHY CAUSE!** I ASK FOR LENIENCY IN HIS CASE!

IN VIEW OF YOUR PLEA, I WILL COMMUTE THE DEATH PENALTY TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT!

WELL, I'LL BE... SHE'S DONE IT AGAIN! SAVED HIM FROM DEATH!

HERE'S A GUY THAT ADMITS A KILLIN'! SO **SHE** MAKES HIM GIVE SO GRAND TO CHARITY, AND THE JUDGE GOES SOFT/SMART, EH, OLD-TIMER?

WHAT A LULU! THE BLACK QUEEN'S CLEVER AS SHE IS BEAUTIFUL!

WHAT? OH... YEAH! YEAH!

QUEEN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SAVIN' MY NECK AGAIN!

DON'T THANK ME, SLOT. THANK THE **'SPIRIT'**! HE MADE YOU **CONTRIBUTE** TO THE SCHOOL FUND!

AND OUTSIDE, AS THE CROWD BREAKS UP.

TAXI!

YASSUH, BOSS!

WHERE WE GOIN' NOW, MR. SPIRIT SUH?

HOME TO WILDWOOD CEMETERY, WHERE I CAN SPEND A PEACEFUL WEEK-END WITH THE DEAD!

...AND AS THE SETTING SUN CASTS LONG SHADOWS ACROSS THE ROAD, THE SPIRIT HEADS FOR HOME...

ANOTHER COMPLETE SPIRIT STORY NEXT WEEK!